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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKEMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING FOR AUGUST 3,
1976:

Q. BOB, ANY CHANCE THAT THE NUCLEAR DEAL WITH IRAN WILL BE
CONCLUDED DURING THE UPCOMING VISIT OF THE SECRETARY?

A. I DO NOT HAVE ANY JUDGMENT TO MAKE ON THAT. OBVIOUSLY,
IT IS AN ISSUE THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING OF THE
JOINT COMMISSION, IN TEHERAN, BUT I DO NOT HAVE ANY INDI-
CATION, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, ON IT.

Q. THE TEHERAN NEWSPAPER SAYS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS
GOING TO MAKE UP A CONTRACT FOR THE DELIVERY OF EIGHT
NUCLEAR REACTORS TO IRAN. IS THIS TRUE, OR FALSE?

A. I WILL HAVE TO CHECK INTO THAT. YOU KNOW, THIS SUBJECT
WAS RAISED WHEN THE IRANIANS WERE HERE A YEAR AGO -- THAT
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QUESTION AND THE DESIRE OF THE IRANIANS TO PURCHASE
REACTORS. AND I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN TALKS BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES ON WORKING OUT THE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT.

I KNOW THAT THAT AGREEMENT HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED AS YET,
BUT LET ME CHECK INTO THE REPORT THAT YOU HAVE JUST
RAISED.

Q. BOB, I WONDER, IN LINE WITH THAT WHETHER YOU COULD NOT GIVE US A FULL READOUT ON EXACTLY WHERE THE NEGOTIATIONS ARE AT THIS POINT. IT HAS BEEN OVER A YEAR NOW, SINCE MR. ANSARY MENTIONED THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE. THAT IS THE LAST WE HEARD OF IT.

Q. BOB, ONE PROBLEM THAT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE THIS AFTERNOON, IN RELATION TO THE TRIP, IS THAT THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE IS HOLDING HEARINGS THIS AFTERNOON ON A CHARGE OF SUPPRESSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN.

A. YES.

Q. IF THE SECRETARY OR THE DEPARTMENT HAS ANYTHING TO SAY ON THAT SUBJECT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR IRAN, I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING IT THIS AFTERNOON SO THAT THERE CAN BE SOME EXPLANATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON THAT, PRIOR TO THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE.

A. LET ME SEE IF I CAN GET SOMETHING FOR YOU ON THAT.

Q. BOB, CAN YOU GIVE US ANY REASON FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN -- APART FROM MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT?

A. I WOULD THINK THAT WOULD BE REASON ENOUGH.

Q. WELL, IT'S REASON FOR HIM TO GO TO ANY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, AND HE IS NOT.

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WHY IS HE GOING TO THIS ONE?

A. PARDON ME?

Q. I MEAN, IS THERE ANY ISSUE TO DISCUSS?

A. I DO NOT THINK WE HAVE PARTICULAR ISSUES WITH EITHER AFGHANISTAN OR PAKISTAN. BUT THE SECRETARY IS IN TEHERAN. KABUL IS JUST A SHORT FLIGHT FROM TEHERAN AND HE WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THEIR INVITATION TO

VISIT AND MEET WITH THEM.

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